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NOUN NAI ～TE ～IA も当然だ。 practically/basically the same as... • Although other grammar is possible, usage with ～IA is by far the most common.	～IA 損する to regret/feel cheated about... • Speaker feels they made a (minor) mistake or were let down by something.	いざ ～U と、 ～IA ら、 but when ~ actually happens... • Also creates rallying/"take the plunge" exclamations: いざ東京へ! ("To Tokyo!") Set phrases: いざとなると・いざとなったら・いざというときに/は ～ "when push comes to shove"/"when it really matters"	NOUN と言わずして何と・・・? there's no other way to put it • Used with naming verbs like: 言(いう), 呼(よぶ), 称(しょう) する They're feeding each other in the cafeteria. If that's not called "lovebirds" I don't know what it.	百歩譲って VERB ～ADI としても even conceding 100 steps • The speaker hypothetically acknowledges someone's unlikely or far-fetched claim. • Used to reinforce the speaker's position in an argument or debate.	よほど / よっぽど NAI と unless exceedingly... 余程 • Typically used to emphasize the difficulty/impossibility of something.	～IA 喉には on the dawn of... (after)... • A very dramatic/stylized expression meaning "after". (= ～IA 後)	～ADI ～TE なんぼ the ~er, the better The quality/amount of ~ is paramount in determining something's worth/merit.	NOUN ありき having ~ already determined/in place Typically used to criticize a lack of flexibility/substance.	NOUN たるもの for anyone in the position of ~ Used when describing the qualifications of a position/role.	NOUN たるや Draws extra attention to something that the speaker feels is particularly noteworthy.
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～TE も尚、・・・ even after... Set phrase: 今(いま)も尚 "even now"	死して尚 戦うとは凄まじき男。 What a fierce man to keep fighting even after death.
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Stock Phrases		
まさか！ You don't mean...! / Impossible!	まあいっか。	Well, whatever. / So be it.
お手柔らかに。 Go easy on me.	ざまあ見ろ。	Serves you right.
望むところだ。 Bring it on.	解せん。	I strongly disapprove.
前言撤回。 I take back what I just said.	愚問だな。	That's a silly question.
考えとく。 I'll consider it.	奇遇だね。	What a coincidence.
気が向いたらね。 I'll do it if I feel like it.	余計なお世話だ！	Mind your own business!
遠慮します。 I humbly decline. / I'll pass.	内い！	Eureka!
言える。 You can say that again.	お安い御用。	No problem. / Anytime.
マジで?! Are you serious?! / No way!	達者でな。	Take care. (parting for a long time)
正気か?! Have you lost your mind?!	さらばだ。 / あばよ。	Goodbye. (casual)
お見事！ Excellent! Great job!	健康を祈る。	Do your best. / Good luck.
いくらなんでもそれはない。	There's absolutely no way that could be true.	
いったいどういう風の吹き回しだ？	What in the world has gotten into you/him/her?	
当たらずと言えども遠からずだ。	You've almost got it right, but not quite.	
困ったときはお互い様。	You'd do the same for me if I was in trouble.	
煽てたって何も出ないよ。	You'll gain nothing by flattering me.	
お取次み中、失礼します。	Sorry to interrupt, but I need your attention for a moment.	
据え膳食わぬは男の恥。	Shame on the man who turns down a woman's advances.	
フォースとともにあらんことを。	May the force be with you.	

- 1: あんする - to open one's mouth for food. バカッブル - combination of ばか (idiot) and カップル (couple)
2: Usually understood to be an indirect way to turn down a suggestion.
3: Alternate kanji: 翠 / 碧 4: Also: 常盤色

A Bunch of Random Adjectives

うまい skillful 上手い - delicious 旨い / 美味しい	うまい skillful 上手い - delicious 旨い / 美味しい
まずい unskillful 拙い - awful tasting 美味い	まずい unskillful 拙い - awful tasting 美味い
やばい unskillful 拙い - awful, dangerous	やばい unskillful 拙い - awful, dangerous
すごい incredible 凄い	すごい incredible 凄い
ぼろい shoddy, run-down - easy (money)	ぼろい shoddy, run-down - easy (money)
しょぼい drab, dull	しょぼい drab, dull
ださい unstylish, lame	ださい unstylish, lame
だらい languid, sluggish	だらい languid, sluggish
うざい annoying, naggy	うざい annoying, naggy
うるさい loud, noisy 五月蠅い	うるさい loud, noisy 五月蠅い
しつこい (annoyingly) persistent	しつこい (annoyingly) persistent
くどい verbose, overly wordy	くどい verbose, overly wordy
まわりくどい overly indirect	まわりくどい overly indirect
けちな stingy, cheapskate	けちな stingy, cheapskate
ずるい unfair, underhanded	ずるい unfair, underhanded
くだらない petty, rubbish 下らない	くだらない petty, rubbish 下らない
しがない insignificant, trifling	しがない insignificant, trifling
やんちゃな rowdy, trouble-making	やんちゃな rowdy, trouble-making
チャラい sleazy, gaudy, flirty	チャラい sleazy, gaudy, flirty
せこい nitpicky, stingy	せこい nitpicky, stingy
かつたるい uninspiring/boring (thing to do)	かつたるい uninspiring/boring (thing to do)
でかい large	でかい large
へばい disgusting, creepy - vile, depraved	へばい disgusting, creepy - vile, depraved
せっかちな impatient/rash (person)	せっかちな impatient/rash (person)
しぶとい unyielding, tough 渋い	しぶとい unyielding, tough 渋い
ちっぽけな tiny, measly	ちっぽけな tiny, measly
エロい erotic, sexy - lecherous	エロい erotic, sexy - lecherous
はしたない lacking in decency/modesty	はしたない lacking in decency/modesty
だらしない untidy, sloppy, not presentable	だらしない untidy, sloppy, not presentable
しんどい tiring, exhausting	しんどい tiring, exhausting
じつじつない frustrating, tantalizing	じつじつない frustrating, tantalizing
みっともない disgraceful, embarrassing	みっともない disgraceful, embarrassing
小さい small (in size)	小さい small (in size)
少ない few (in number)	少ない few (in number)
臭い stinky, having a bad odor	臭い stinky, having a bad odor
渋い bitter/astringent - refined (taste)	渋い bitter/astringent - refined (taste)
汚い dirty - raunchy - unethical	汚い dirty - raunchy - unethical
賢い clever, smart	賢い clever, smart
面倒くさい bothersome (thing to do)	面倒くさい bothersome (thing to do)
鬱陶(うっとう)しい depressing - annoying, pesky	鬱陶(うっとう)しい depressing - annoying, pesky
辛(から)くさい irritated (feeling) - tedious	辛(から)くさい irritated (feeling) - tedious
胡散(こさん)臭(くさ)い shady, dubious	胡散(こさん)臭(くさ)い shady, dubious
水(みづ)くさい distant, reserved	水(みづ)くさい distant, reserved
照(て)れくさい embarrassed (but not ashamed)	照(て)れくさい embarrassed (but not ashamed)
情けない pitiful, contemptible	情けない pitiful, contemptible
微妙(みず)な subtle, touchy - questionable	微妙(みず)な subtle, touchy - questionable
不甲斐(ふがひ)無い dispirited, pitiable	不甲斐(ふがひ)無い dispirited, pitiable
差し出(さしだ)まし intrusively, uncalled-for	差し出(さしだ)まし intrusively, uncalled-for
嫌(きら)い obscene, trashy - lascivious	嫌(きら)い obscene, trashy - lascivious
怪(あや)しい dubious, shady, suspicious	怪(あや)しい dubious, shady, suspicious
けしからぬ illicit, lewd 怪(あや)しからぬ	けしからぬ illicit, lewd 怪(あや)しからぬ

Adverbs of Degree

at all	ちっとも NAI
not at all	全く NAI
not at all	全然 NAI
not very	あまり NAI
not very	ほとんど NAI
not really	いまいち NAI
not really	特に NAI
slightly	ほんの少し
slightly	ほんのちよっと
a little bit	やや
a little bit	ちよっと
a little bit	些(ち)か
a little bit	若干
a little bit	多少
somewhat	ある程度
somewhat	そこそこ
considerably	まあまあ
considerably	それなりに
quite	割(わり)と
quite	大分
quite	随分
quite	随分
very	かなり
very	相当
very	一際
remarkably	とても
remarkably	大変
extremely	やたら
extremely	凄(すご)く
extremely	非常に
extremely	至(いた)って
super-	極
super-	超
extraordinarily	めちゃくちゃ
extraordinarily	めっちゃ
extraordinarily	甚(いた)だしく
extraordinarily	極めて
extraordinarily	酷
extraordinarily	思いっきり
extraordinarily	ものすごく
extraordinarily	あまりにも
extraordinarily	とてつもなく

～やか(な) Adjectives

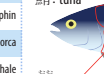
鮮やか vivid, brilliant	鮮やか vivid, brilliant
穏やか calm, tranquil	穏やか calm, tranquil
爽やか refreshing	爽やか refreshing
和やか calm, harmonious	和やか calm, harmonious
賑やか lively, bustling	賑やか lively, bustling
淑やか graceful, refined	淑やか graceful, refined
艶やか glamorous	艶やか glamorous
健やか healthy	健やか healthy
速やか prompt, speedy	速やか prompt, speedy
ささやか modest (amount), meager	ささやか modest (amount), meager
しなやか supple	しなやか supple
まろやか mild (taste), mellow (voice)	まろやか mild (taste), mellow (voice)
たおやか graceful, gentle	たおやか graceful, gentle

Kanken 1&2 verbs that you might actually come across someday	
躊躇(ちゅうちゅう)う to hesitate 躊躇(ちゅうちゅう)	躊躇(ちゅうちゅう)う to hesitate 躊躇(ちゅうちゅう)
躊躇(ちゅうちゅう)える to anguish 狼狽(ろうたい)	躊躇(ちゅうちゅう)える to anguish 狼狽(ろうたい)
躊躇(ちゅうちゅう)めく to stagger 踉蹌(ろうりやう)	躊躇(ちゅうちゅう)めく to stagger 踉蹌(ろうりやう)
彷徨(ほうぎやう)う to wander 彷徨(ほうぎやう)	彷徨(ほうぎやう)う to wander 彷徨(ほうぎやう)
抑(おさ)え 抑(おさ)え to doze 微睡(びすい)	抑(おさ)え 抑(おさ)え to doze 微睡(びすい)

Japanese's Most Peculiar Slang

絶対領域	the exposed area of a woman's thigh between her over-knee socks and skirt
だめんず	a man whose personality/issues make him unsuitable as a romantic partner
中二病	acting precocious - prone to narcissistic delusions (lit. "sixth-grader syndrome")
姫始め	one's first sexual intercourse of the year
マクロ	a woman who displays little or no reaction during sex (like a dead tuna fish)
むつり助平	a person who does not seem as such, but is secretly a pervert
箱入り娘	a girl who has been excessively sheltered by overprotective parents
連れション	when two or more men (not strangers) urinate side by side

Sushi (& Other Aquatic Creature) Kanji					
寿司/鮓	sushi	鮎	sweetfish	鮑/鰑	abalone
まぐろ	mackerel	鮭	salmon	はたて	scallop
いわし	sardine	鮓	Jack mackerel	鰻	carp
鯛	sea bream	鰹	bonito	たら	cod
この	octopus	カレイ/鰈	righteye flounder	ハマチ/鰭	yellowtail
イカ/烏賊	squid	鮫	shark	鮭/鰭	herring
海老	shrimp	エビ/鰨	ray	数の子/鰭	herring roe
伊勢海老	lobster	河豚	puffer fish	鮪: tuna	
蟹	crab	海豚/鰪	dolphin		
平目/鰭	flounder	鰭	orca		
うなぎ	eel	鯨	whale		
あなご	conger eel	鱈	crocodile		



Can also be written: 鮪 (大トロ) (往)

Common misreading of 鰭 (鰭) is 鰭 (鰭)

Can also be written: 鰐 (鰐)

A common (mis)usage of 鰐の山 is to mean "the easily predictable result" (see 目に見えてる)

Kansai Dialect Examples (standard Japanese in gray)

ほんまに早(はや)う頼(たの)むで! わいはばちばち帰(かえ)らなかんねん。 本当に 早くしてくださいよ!俺(おれ)は そろそろ帰(かえ)らなかんねん。 Really, please hurry. I have to go back/home soon.	アホちゃう!? のど飴(なめ)を5キロ買ったでもうでどないすんねん! アホ、馬鹿(ばか)じゃないの!? のど飴(なめ)を5キロ買ったでもうでどないすんねん! Are you an idiot? What are you going to do, having bought 5 kilograms of throat lozenges!	なんぼオカンの手料理(てりやうり)ゆうても、 こないけつないなんもんを食(く)うわけあらへん! いくら 毎(まい)日の手料理(てりやうり)といつても、 こんな奇妙(きせう)な ものを食(く)うわけがない! Even if it is mom's home cooking like you say, there's no way I will eat something this strange-looking!	任せたってや!今夜(こんや)ごつ可愛(かわい)い女の子(こ)が仰(おほ)るクラブに連れてったわ。 任せて!今夜(こんや)ごつ可愛(かわい)い女の子(こ)が仰(おほ)るクラブに連れてったわ。 Leave everything to me! Tonight I'll take you to a club where there are lots of super-cute girls.	この映画(えいが)やのうてもええやろ?ほら、 そつちかておもろそうやうか? この映画(えいが)やなくていいだろ?ほら、 そつちかて面白(おもしろ)そうやうか? It doesn't have to be this movie, right? Look, that one looks interesting too, don't you think?
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Examples Using Lots of Miscellaneous Phrases & Vocab

このハバネロソースはやばい!激辛(げきしん)という次元(じげん)を遙(はる)かに凌(しの)駕(か)している。 This habanero sauce will knock your socks off! It vastly transcends the realm of "super spicy".	言うに事(こと)ないで初デート(はつでーと)で元夜(げんや)のことを聞いてきたよ。信じられない! Or all the senses things to say, on our first date he asked about my ex-boyfriend. I can't believe his nerve!	斯(か)くなる上(うへ)は、 多少(たうしょう)の怪(あや)みを覚(おぼ)悟(わ)して意(い)から飛(と)び降(くだ)りるしかなない。 Unfortunately it's come to this, our only choice is to brace ourselves for slight injuries and jump out the window.	あゝ見えても、山田(やまだ)はちよっと抜(ぬ)けてるよ。しよつちゅうへまやらからずんだ。 Despite her appearances, Yamada is a little scatterbrained. She screws things up all the time.	我武者羅(わがむせら)に攻撃(こうげき)しても、試合(しあひ)が終(お)わる前に一矢(いつしや)報(はら)いるくらいが山の犬(いぬ)だ。 Even if we attacked redly, the must we could achieve is to make a minor retaliation before the match is over.	アイツの気合(きあひ)は半端(はんぱ)じゃない。目を合わせるだけで鳥肌(トリカミ)が立つよ。 His intensity is on a whole different level. I get goosebumps just from making eye contact with him.	確かに田中(たなか)もレイヤーだけど、あの遊(あそ)び半(はん)分の奴(やつ)と一緒にしないでくれ。 To be sure, Tanaka is also a cosplayer, but don't confuse me with that half-hearted dabbler.	悪い、ちよっとと野暮用(やまよう)がでさちやったもんでお暇(やすみ)しますよ。 Sorry, something came up that I have to attend to so I must excuse myself.	仕事のストレスを家庭(かてい)に入(はい)り当(あた)ります。器(き)の小さい男(おとこ)だ。 His is a shallow-natured man, who takes his stress from work out on his family.	この前のレースでビリだったお前(まへ)が強(つよ)がってても全然(ぜんぜん)説(せつ)得力(とく)がないぞ? Even if you—who was last place in a race the other day—act tough, but it's not convincing at all, you know?	こんなことあるうかと思(おも)って、数年前(すうねん)からへそくりを貯(たくわ)めているんだ。 I suspected something like this might happen, so for a few years I've been saving up a secret stash of money.	よし、一肌(ひと)脱(だ)いてやろう。友人(とも)の頼(たの)みは無視(むし)したら男(おとこ)が要求(ようきう)する。 Alright, I'll help you out. After all, I'd be less of a man if I ignored a friend's request.
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